

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 A portable profile carrier stores and securely transports a user's profile and
3 data files from one computer to the next. The profile carrier is a two-component
4 system comprising a smart card and a memory device. The smart card protects
5 access to the memory device and authenticates a user via a passcode challenge.
6 The composite profile carrier enables access to the user profile on the memory
7 device when the smart card is present and the user is authenticated, and disables
8 access when the smart card is absent or the user is not authenticated.

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